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Ambassador Albright is trying to contact the Ethiopian PermRep to assure him that we share his concerns about payment and equipment and are pushing the UN for answers. She will also ask that he tell Addis it is important that the Ethiopians arrive in Rwanda this weekend or at the latest by Tuesday, August 15, so that they can move into the safe zone before the French withdraw.

Ambassador Birenbaum is trying to contact someone in the UN comptroller's office (the comptroller and his deputy are on leave) and obtain the information the Ethiopians want on how the UN will pay them and when. (The Ethiopians reportedly do not want advance payment, just reassurances that they will receive payment in due course. This is said to be the Ethiopians' first peacekeeping effort; they don't know the procedures and they've heard that the UN is broke, which isn't quite accurate.)

USUN has been in touch with the logisticians in the UN about flak jackets. Contrary to what I'm told is being said in the Department, the UN does consider the Ethiopians' request for flak jackets a valid one. Although we are trying to nail down this equipment, USUN tells me that the Ethiopians will not refuse to deploy because of a lack of equipment. If you were told otherwise, please let me know. I'm told that the Ethiopians went directly to the UN with all their equipment needs and that the UN has not asked us to provide any of it.

John

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with the latest
information I received
from Gennar 8/9 and
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